

Stockton Wood Primary School

Accessibility Plan 2024-25

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1. Aims

Schools are required under the Equality Act 2010 to have an accessibility plan. The purpose of the plan is to:

- > Increase the extent to which pupils with disabilities can participate in the curriculum
- Improve the physical environment of the school to enable pupils with disabilities to take better advantage of education, benefits, facilities and services provided
- > Improve the availability of accessible information to pupils with disabilities

Our school aims to treat all its pupils fairly and with respect. This involves providing access and opportunities for all pupils without discrimination of any kind.

The plan will be made available online on the school website, and paper copies are available upon request.

Our school is also committed to ensuring staff are trained in equality issues with reference to the Equality Act 2010, including understanding disability issues.

The school supports any available partnerships to develop and implement the plan.

Our school's complaints procedure covers the accessibility plan. If you have any concerns relating to accessibility in school, the complaints procedure sets out the process for raising these concerns.

2. Legislation and guidance

This document meets the requirements of <u>schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010</u> and the Department for Education (DfE) <u>guidance for schools on the Equality Act 2010</u>.

The Equality Act 2010 defines an individual as disabled if they have a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' adverse effect on their ability to undertake normal day to day activities.

Under the <u>Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice</u>, 'long-term' is defined as 'a year or more' and 'substantial' is defined as 'more than minor or trivial'. The definition includes sensory impairments, such as those affecting sight or hearing, and long-term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy and cancer.

Schools are required to make 'reasonable adjustments' for pupils with disabilities under the Equality Act 2010, to alleviate any substantial disadvantage that a pupil with disabilities faces in comparison with a pupil without disabilities. This can include, for example, the provision of an auxiliary aid or adjustments to premises.

3. Action plan

This action plan sets out the aims of our accessibility plan in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

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Increase access to the curriculum for pupils with a disability	 Our school offers a differentiated curriculum for all pupils We use resources tailored to the needs of pupils who require 	To raise the profile of disability awareness.	School to ensure that resources are representative. School to raise the profile of disability awareness via:	ТК	Spring term	Library books promotes disabilities in a representative way.

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Improve and maintain access to the physical environment	 The environment is adapted to the needs of pupils as required. This includes: Corridor width Disabled parking bays 	Ensure that all areas of school building and grounds are as accessible for all children and	A risk assessment will be completed for any new children who enrol in the school who are subject to a	JC	Ongoing	All children and adults are able to access the physical environment.

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Improve the delivery of information to pupils with a disability	Our school uses a range of communication methods to make sure information is accessible. This includes: Internal signage 	Create a CPD package to provide training for using the features available on school devices.	Survey of staff knowledge, create a package based off need and current Understanding.	Headteacher	Ongoing	Pupils and families all have equal access to school information and any/ all reports

4. Monitoring arrangements

This document will be reviewed every 3 years, but may be reviewed and updated more frequently if necessary. It will be reviewed by the headteacher.

It will be approved by the governing board.

5. Links with other policies

This accessibility plan is linked to the following policies and documents:

- > Risk assessment policy
- > Health and safety policy
- > Equality information and objectives (public sector equality duty) statement for publication
- > Special educational needs (SEN) information report
- >SEND policy
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions policy